



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

Raised Bill No. 995

LCO No. 4116



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL
HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND HEALTH DISTRICTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 Upon application to the Department of Public Health, each health
4 district that has a total population of fifty thousand or more, or serves
5 three or more municipalities irrespective of the combined total
6 population of such municipalities, shall annually receive from the state
7 an amount equal to one dollar and eighty-five cents per capita for each
8 town, city and borough of such district, provided (1) (A) the district
9 employs a full-time director of health, or (B) a vacancy exists in the
10 director of health position for more than ninety days and the
11 Commissioner of Public Health grants the health district a waiver from
12 the requirement for a full-time director of health, (2) the Commissioner
13 of Public Health approves the public health program and budget of
14 such health district, [(2)] (3) the towns, cities and boroughs of such
15 district appropriate for the maintenance of the health district not less

16 than one dollar per capita from the annual tax receipts, and [(3)] (4) the
 17 health district meets the requirements of section 19a-207a, within
 18 available appropriations. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
 19 section, any health district formed during a fiscal year shall, for that
 20 fiscal year, receive an amount prorated from the date of formation.
 21 Such district departments of health are authorized to use additional
 22 funds, [which] that the Department of Public Health may secure from
 23 federal agencies or any other source and [which] that it may allot to
 24 such district departments of health. The district treasurer shall
 25 disburse the money so received upon warrants approved by a majority
 26 of the board and signed by its chairman and secretary. The
 27 Comptroller shall quarterly, in July, October, January and April, upon
 28 such application and upon the voucher of the Commissioner of Public
 29 Health, draw the Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of
 30 such district department of health for the amount due in accordance
 31 with the provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
 32 commissioner. [Any] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and
 33 June 30, 2016, any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal
 34 year shall be included in the budget of the district for the ensuing year.
 35 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter,
 36 any such moneys shall revert to the General Fund of the state. This aid
 37 shall be rendered from appropriations made from time to time by the
 38 General Assembly to the Department of Public Health for this purpose.

39 Sec. 2. Section 19a-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

41 Upon application to the Department of Public Health any municipal
 42 health department shall annually receive from the state an amount
 43 equal to one dollar and eighteen cents per capita, provided such
 44 municipality (1) employs a full-time director of health, except [that] if a
 45 vacancy exists in the [office of] municipality's director of health
 46 position or the [office] position is filled by an acting director for more
 47 than [three months] ninety days, such municipality shall not be eligible
 48 for funding unless the Commissioner of Public Health [waives this

49 requirement] grants the municipal health department a waiver of the
 50 requirement for a full-time director of health; (2) submits a public
 51 health program and budget [which] that is approved by the
 52 Commissioner of Public Health; (3) appropriates not less than one
 53 dollar per capita, from the annual tax receipts, for health department
 54 services; (4) has a population of fifty thousand or more; and (5) meets
 55 the requirements of section 19a-207a, within available appropriations.
 56 Such municipal department of health may use additional funds, which
 57 the Department of Public Health may secure from federal agencies or
 58 any other source and which it may allot to such municipal department
 59 of health. The money so received shall be disbursed upon warrants
 60 approved by the chief executive officer of such municipality. The
 61 Comptroller shall annually in July and upon a voucher of the
 62 Commissioner of Public Health, draw the Comptroller's order on the
 63 State Treasurer in favor of such municipal department of health for the
 64 amount due in accordance with the provisions of this section and
 65 under rules prescribed by the commissioner. [Any] For the fiscal years
 66 ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, any moneys remaining
 67 unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall be included in the budget
 68 of such municipal department of health for the ensuing year. For the
 69 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter, any
 70 such moneys shall revert to the General Fund of the state. This aid
 71 shall be rendered from appropriations made from time to time by the
 72 General Assembly to the Department of Public Health for this purpose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	19a-245
Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	19a-202

PH *Joint Favorable*

PD *Joint Favorable*

FIN *Joint Favorable*

